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In re Application of  
Bo Shen; Songqing Chen; Yong Yan; and Sujoy Basu  
Application No. 10/687,997  
Filed: October 17, 2003  
For: SHARED RUNNING-BUFFER-BASED CACHING SYSTEM

Dear Mr. Yan:

You are named as a joint inventor in the above-identified United States patent application, filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code), and 37 CFR 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

As a named inventor you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

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